

## December 2004 NEWSLETTER DIRECTORY (S1)

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### MISSION STATEMENT (S3)

3<sup>rd</sup> TS (CS/CSS) Bn, 383<sup>rd</sup> Regt, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde, 75<sup>th</sup> Division (Training Support) provides training support to designated CS/CSS Army Reserve and Army National Guard units in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska to attain and sustain individual and collective premobilization readiness. On order, mobilize the Battalion to support the Brigade Mobilization Assistance Team (MAT).

### COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Thanks to all who made last month's MUTA a rousing success. We made COL Courts feel welcome, showed him some of the training, gave him a forum to meet you and hear your concerns, and brought our facility issues to him in an "up close and personal" manner. We also had an exceptional promotion and awards ceremony in which our invited guests felt very comfortable. It was a very productive Drill and lots of people pitched in to make it so.

During this month many of our full time personnel will be returning from weeks, if not months, on the road conducting UA missions. Thanks to all of you for a job well done! We have seamlessly integrated our new personnel into the battalion with little or no issues. This is a testament to the professionalism, motivation, and competence of our staff.

Based on my discussions with COL Courts, we will be accelerating our plans in preparation for future mobilizations. I don't anticipate this will have a negative impact on the battalion based on how we have handled this mission in the past.

I am happy to say that we will be welcoming back a number of our mobilized soldiers from Riley for our annual Christmas dinner. As a result, I expect that this year's dinner will be even better than last year. We have a good menu, and this will be a great time to see some old faces and make new acquaintances. I am very much looking forward to this event.

Christmas time is when many of us will be enjoying time with our families and loved ones. For some of us, this means spending time on the road. It is incumbent upon us to keep safety in mind in order to fully enjoy this joyous season. Our safety concerns on the road include POV inspection and maintenance, not drinking and driving, driving defensively, and maintaining situational awareness of road and weather conditions. There are other safety concerns in the home to be considered as well, such as adhering to specific safety guidelines to prevent Christmas tree fires.

I am looking forward to the start of the New Year and looking forward to seeing everyone return safely. Be accountable. Be professional. Do your very best. Be a soldier!

**LTC Rideaux**

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Soldiers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion...

Greetings to all! Recently, MAJ Mark Kromer and I completed the Executive Officer transition as he prepares his family for another PCS move. With this transition we wish him, his wife Lori and son Sean a safe PCS move to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Thanks for your great contributions and best of luck in all future assignments!

We are in the midst of the Holiday Season and the “hustle and bustle” of the season is obvious. In addition to an increase in traffic flow, the weather is often erratic, thereby increasing the chances for accidents. In order to alleviate many of the risks associated with winter travel, continue to utilize the lessons learned from the safety classes you received during the November drill. Likewise, ensure your privately owned vehicles have received the attention they deserve in order to safely transport you and your families to your various destinations. Finally, check the forecast prior to departure in order to leave enough travel time to reach your final destination. Plan your travel accordingly to arrive safely!

Key events for December’s drill include a visit by the Brigade Command Sergeant Major, CSM Young. Please take the time prior to drill weekend to organize your thoughts and develop intelligent and pertinent speaking points as you welcome him to our Battalion. Also, the Class A inspection is on December 11. Ensure any last minute alterations/adjustments are complete so you are fully prepared for this event. Finally, the Battalion Holiday Party will be held on December 12. This will be a great event to celebrate the season with our comrades in arms and various family members!

Each of you has provided expert support to ensure units are fully prepared for combat missions to various locations. I commend you for your efforts and ask you to keep these deploying personnel and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Likewise, I extend my personal wishes to all of you for a safe and thoroughly enjoyable Holiday Season.

**MAJ (P) Hofmann**

## COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR'S COMMENTS

COL Courts visited us last drill, addressing each of our questions on various topics. He continued to emphasize the importance of each and every one of you and your great contributions to our various missions. Congratulations to SSG Sheridan, who finished 3d overall in the NCO of the year competition at Fort Riley. Great effort on very short notice. In the PT arena, our ruck marches continue to improve. In addition to enhancing our physical readiness, these marches also serve as a reminder that we are all soldiers and must sometimes execute our duties under adverse conditions.

The battalion will receive incoming soldiers. As this occurs, continue to give them a warm welcome. Likewise, other members of the battalion will depart. Let’s all continue to thank them for a job well done. During December’s Drill we will host our Holiday party, which will be a great event for the entire Battalion. During this Holiday Season we need to be cognizant of all our deployed soldiers and pray for their safe return.

The APFT continues to be a priority and is causing some soldiers problems. Although it may be difficult to find time to workout in our hectic lives, passing the APFT is an individual responsibility as well as a requirement for all of us. However, it is a task, that all of us as soldiers have a duty to do.

I want to remind soldiers to ensure your promotion packet is submitted “to standard”. This is an individual’s responsibility—not Ms. Carbrey’s! Also, team NCOICs need to ensure quarterly counseling is conducted in accordance with Army guidelines. As the Army continues to evolve and transform you will either be a part of these changes or lost in the shuffle. Competition for various positions will continue to increase. Bottom line: we all have individual responsibility in managing our careers, so ensure you take the time and effort to do so. Keep in mind that NCOERs require adequate time and effort to submit correctly. Likewise in the area of schools, ensure you take the necessary action to make your wishes known and that you are fully prepared to meet all necessary requirements.

Finally, if you are involved in activity off duty that would otherwise violate the UCMJ or reflect adversely on the Army/unit, relook your actions and do the right thing. If you are involved with civilian authorities in a criminal matter, you must report it to the Commander. Failure to do so may subject a soldier to disciplinary action.

## HHD COMMANDER'S TIME

First of all, I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday. Also, I would like to extend my thanks to those soldiers that put considerable time and effort into the preparation of the mandatory training classes for November drill. Our ability as reservists to draw on education and experiences in civilian life is a valuable asset that I feel improves our training greatly.

As we move towards December drill and the end of the calendar year, we would like to wish good luck to our XO MAJ Kromer. We appreciate the service you have provided the battalion, and I personally appreciate the mentoring you have provided. At the same time we welcome MAJ Hofmann into the XO position and look forward to getting to work.

December drill brings more in the way of mandatory training as well as a Class A inspection and a visit by the Brigade CSM. As with the Brigade Commander, prepare ahead of time and consider a couple of topics that you would like to discuss with the Brigade CSM.

Sunday afternoon of upcoming drill is dedicated to the battalion Holiday Party. Attire will be casual civilian clothes. **As in years past, if you are bringing children, please bring a wrapped gift, with your child's name on it, costing no more than \$10 for Santa to give them.**

And finally, keep in mind the messages of the Brigade Commander. Maintain your personal readiness and be prepared for action.

**CPT Buck**

## 1SG'S CORNER

Reminder to be careful out there! Correct any deficiencies on your Class A's by December drill. Class A is the uniform for Saturday morning December 11, 2004. If you are not in the correct uniform you will not be paid!

**1SG Hinkle**

## MP TEAM

Not Available at time of printing.

## QM TEAM

Hello QM Team,

It is my sincere wish that everyone thus far has enjoyed the Holiday season. The Holidays are a great time of the year because we are able reflect upon the past year events and prepare for the new year that is upon us. It is also a great time to slow down from the riggers of work and spend some much needed down time with family and friends. I thank you one and all for being warrior soldiers. Our job as soldiers requires serious commitment. As we are all aware, our nation is at war and our services are in demand. We can be called at anytime to make the sacrifice to serve our country during a time of war. Reflect upon that thought. It should be a motivator for us all to enjoy our families, friends and to share joy and love. A famous man once said that "No matter what I believe, what I say or what I do, I'm bankrupt without love". Lets be sure to express our love and gratitude for our families, friends, and fellow soldiers. Let's also remember those of our brothers and sisters who stand in harms way daily while defending those rights and privileges we value so much.

Happy Holidays,

**MAJ Porter**

**P.S. Don't forget to get your Class A's in order for December's Inspection.**

I wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving but it came and went so fast that I can hardly believe it. So I hope everyone had a fun and safe Thanksgiving. Soon It will be Christmas again, and then New Years. I think the most important thing that happened last drill was the briefing from the BDE Commander. His message came across loud and clear that those of us left in St. Louis need to be ready to mobilize. For those at Ft. Riley the last two years and those who have been there since August the BDE Commander had nothing but great things to say about your efforts and accomplishments. I want to welcome all the new Soldiers and NCO's to the BN and congrats to those who got promoted and received awards last drill. Be safe and remember the Army loses more soldiers from car accidents than any other single category (safety wise).

**CPT Tiedt**

ENG TEAM

Not Available at time of printing.

MED TEAM

Elements of the Medical Team continue to train Reserve and Guard units at Ft. Riley, Ks. A recent pleasant encounter was with the 313<sup>th</sup> Medical Co (GA). This unit has a long history of working with the Med. Team and was the unit that we trained June at AT. Comments from the unit on the final evaluation indicated that they were glad to see some familiar faces before deployment. Soldiers from the 313<sup>th</sup> did express some personal disappointments that some of the Med. Team personnel that they had worked with so many times were not at Ft. Riley this time around. Comments from other units continue to be generally positive. Brand new field grade, Maj. Murdock, said that she and her family had a good time at her promotion ceremony and she would like to thank all the soldiers at JB for making her family feel welcome at the unit.

**1LT Horton**

TF DEPENDABLE

Not Available at time of printing.

APFT/WEIGH-IN REQUIREMENTS (S3)

The following soldiers are scheduled to take an APFT at 1545 on 11 December 2004 at Mehlville HS

SSG Giles      SFC Hicks      SSG Cummins      1SG Hinkle

The following soldier are scheduled to weight in after the APFT

All soldiers taking the APFT      SFC Mallery      CPT Tiedt

DETAILS (HHD CDR)

DUTY ROSTER  
November      ALL

Teams will have detail on the date indicated. Detail will include Head Count, administering PT, conducting the Cyclic and Sensitive Items Inventories, and clean up of the Battalion area. POC is 1SG Hinkle

UPCOMING EVENTS (S3)

See the enclosed Training Schedule

## CLEARANCE REMINDERS (S2)

The following individuals need to submit an SF 86 for security clearance,

SSG Lamer

## TY05 DRILL SCHEDULE

DEC 11-12

JAN 8-9

FEB 12-13

MAR 12-13

The dates for the TY05 MUTA's was distributed in April 2004. If you need a copy ask your Chain of Command.

## SCHOOLS

SSG Sheridan BNCOC @ Pineville, LA 4 Dec 04 – 16 Dec 04

SFC McDonald, Basic Life Support Ref. Course, Ft. Campbell, KY, 16 Dec 04

SFC McDonald, EMT-B Refresher, Ft. Campbell, KY, 7 Feb 05 – 11 Feb 05

CPT Segura Facility Manager Course, Ft. McCoy 25 Apr 05 – 5 May 05

MAJ Hofmann RC Mob Planner Course, Ft. McCoy, WI 8 May 05 – 19 May 05

MAJ Porter has a reservation for ILE (formerly known as CGSC), Ft. Leavenworth, KS 18 Jun 05 – 1 Jul 05

Requested Schools:

SGT Clemons, Reclass to 92Y

MAJ Porter: 90A Course, Multi Functional Logistician Course

SFC Kratz, Reclass to 92Y

SSG Clow, BNCOC, Phase 2, 91A

SFC Hicks, ANCOC, Phase 2, 63B

If you are needing or wanting to attend a school you need to contact Ms. Sarah Carbrey, (314) 269-1114.

## SOLDIERS TO BE RECOGNIZED (S1)

The following soldiers will be recognized DURING DRILL. Please take this opportunity to invite your family and/or friends to this event to share in this noteworthy event. Any awards/promotions will be presented at the 0630 formation, Saturday.

**AWARDS/PROMOTIONS:** Awards: SSG Lamer Promotions:

**Hail and Farewell:** We want to extend a warm welcome to all those personnel incoming and wish our very best to those transferring or retiring in the near future.

**Hail:** None **Farewell:** SFC Brumfield, St. Louis Recruiting Command

## Birthmonth Records Audit

The following soldiers will have a Birth Month Records Audit, time TBD.

SSG Cummings

## NCOER INFORMATION

The following soldiers have evaluations due:

RANK	NAME	DATE OF LAST EVALUATION
CSM	Page, Danny	Annual 0410
1SG	Hinkle, Mark	Annual 0411
CPT	Lacey, Terri	Annual 0410
CPT	Tiedt, David	Annual 0410
SFC	Brumfield, Billy	COR 0412
SFC	McConnell, Tammy	COR 0412
SFC	Glessner, Valery	COR 0412

(CSM PAGE REVIEWS ALL NCOERS AND COUNSELING)

### PER S-1 SECTION

SFC Harris

<<http://usassi.army.mil/ncoa>>

Have NCOs search the Hot New Information Category for this information.

## PAY INFORMATION

Any pay problems need to be addressed on a USARC 27-R to SSG Carbrey.

## PROMOTION BOARDS

The next Junior Promotion Board will be January 2005.

Senior Promotion Board-Information was sent out via email

90<sup>th</sup> RRC Senior Board Packets must be turned in NLT 12 December 04, NO EXCEPTIONS!

89<sup>th</sup> RRC Senior Board Packets must be turned in NLT 15 January 05, NO EXCEPTIONS

## SUPPLY (S4)

Business as usual!

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Holiday Party-** Please ensure that everyone bringing a child to the Holiday party provides a gift from Santa, limit is \$10 per child.

**COMMANDER**

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